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8	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT	
9	EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA	
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11	DEANNA KATHLEEN YATES,	Case No. 1:23-cv-00155-JLT-EPG
12	Plaintiff,	
13	v.	ORDER DENYING NOTICE REGARDING PRO SE STATUS
14	THE MONEY SOURCE, INC., et al.,	(ECF No. 12)
15	Defendants.	(LCI 110. 12)
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17	Plaintiff is proceeding <i>pro se</i> in this action filed as a quiet title action. (<i>See</i> ECF No. 1).	
18	This matter is before the Court on Plaintiff's notice, which appears to request that the Clerk	
19	change Plaintiff's designation on the docket from "pro se" to "in propria persona." (ECF No.	
20	12). The Court already denied a nearly identical request on February 6, 2023, noting that Plaintiff	
21	offered no clear argument for this request and appeared to be advocating a frivolous sovereign	
22	citizen ideology. (ECF No. 8).	
23	Plaintiff's notice states that Plaintiff does not advocate any sovereign citizen ideology and	
24	repeats Plaintiff's arguments from the earlier request, among other things, citing the Uniform	
25	Commercial Code and stating that "a court is a privately owned trading company operating as a	
26	bank to settle controversies." (ECF No. 12, p. 8) (alterations made for readability). Regardless of	
27	whether Plaintiff is an adherent to any sovereign citizen ideology, Plaintiff has offered no	
28	coherent argument to change Plaintiff's <i>pro se</i> designation on the docket.	
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Importantly, the terms "pro se" and "in propria persona" are synonyms and simply mean that a person is proceeding without a lawyer. PRO SE, Black's Law Dictionary (11th ed. 2019) (defining "pro se" as follows: "For oneself; on one's own behalf; without a lawyer <the defendant proceeded pro se> <a pro se defendant>. — Also termed pro persona; in propria persona; propria persona; propria persona; pro per. See PROPRIA PERSONA."). Likewise, under the Court's Local Rules, "Pro Se Action" is defined as "an action in which all the plaintiffs or all the defendants are proceeding in propria persona. In these Rules, 'pro se' and 'in propria persona' are used interchangeably." LR 101. Further, designating a plaintiff as proceeding pro se on the docket helps the Court and the parties to remember that a party is proceeding pro se—notably, there are special rules applying to pro se parties. See LR 183. In short, the Court sees no basis why Plaintiff, who is proceeding without counsel, should not be designated as a pro se party on the docket.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED as follows:

- 1. Plaintiff's notice (ECF No. 12) is denied.
- 2. Any future requests simply repeating Plaintiff's rejected arguments to change Plaintiff's *pro se* designation on the docket will be summarily denied.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: February 27, 2023 /s/ UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE